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SUBJECT: MTAG:ITALIAN FIRMS COOPERATING WITH CHINESE
MISSILE AND SPACE-RELATED ENTITIES (S)

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Classified By: ECONOMIC MINISTER COUNSELOR SCOTT KILNER
FOR REASONS 1.4(B), (D) AND (H).

1.(S) Economic Counselor called on Carlo Tripepi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nonproliferation Coordinator, to express USG concern over possible Chinese collaboration with Italian firms on joint aviation and avionics technology development (reftel). Tripepi, who chairs the interministerial committee that approves, inter alia, all licenses for Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)-controlled goods, was surprised at the news. He said that as of yesterday (when the latest interministerial meeting was held), no Italian firm had applied for permission to export goods of this sort. He characterized the Chinese as engaging in "wishful thinking" because the GOI interministerial committee strictly monitored all export of such sensitive technology. He also promised to pass along to us information on any Italian firms' applications for export licenses to China of MTCR-controlled goods in the aviation and avionics development technology.

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